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Ms. Rita M. Landgraf, Cabinet Secretary
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Dear Secretary ~~Landgraf~~:

I write on behalf of the State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) regarding the Department of Health and Social Services' proposal to transfer the state's long term care nursing facilities from the Division of Public Health to the Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD). Specifically, Epilogue language in Section 153 of the Budget Bill (SB 196) states the following:

Section 153. (a) The Department of Health and Social Services operates five (5) residential facilities, three of which are located in the Division of Public Health (35-05-00) and are long-term care facilities, the majority of whose clients are elderly, or will likely be in care through their elder ages. These facilities are: Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill (35-05-40), Emily P. Bissell Hospital (35-14 05-50), and Governor Bacon (35-05-60). (b) To streamline and improve services for the clients in these long-term care facilities, and to provide services more efficiently, the Department of Health and Social Services will consolidate all of the services provided by these three long-term care facilities into the Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities (35-14-00), given the similarities in clients' needs. These services will be conducted under a new budget unit within the Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities.

SCPD endorses the proposed transfer for the aforementioned reasons stated in the budget bill and because it may also provide residents better access to community based services which are administered under DSAAPD.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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State Council for Persons with Disabilities

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